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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Melur Ramakrishnaiah

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25,29-31,53,58 and 59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25,29-31,53,58 and 59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 23, 29-31, 53, 58, and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nabavi (GB 2325548) in view of Nadooshan (US PAT: 6,161,182) and Katz (US PAT: 5,412,708).

Regarding claims 23, 53, 58, and 59, Nabavi discloses a method for remote monitoring of a premises, the method comprising: operatively coupling remote client to a security system server (10, fig. 1), the security system server being capable of authenticating a user of the remote client (9, fig. 1), operatively coupling the remote client to a security gateway (reads on 1, fig. 1), the security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring one or more portions of the premises, verifying the identification of the user of the remote client, transferring information between the security gateway and the remote client, wherein user is at a location which is geographically remote from the premises, security gateway (1, fig. 1) is operably coupled to at least one camera (6, fig. 1)/audio station (page 7, line 23 – page 8, line 2) located at the premises (figs. 1-3, page 6, line 3 – page 7, line 22).

Nabavi differs from claims 23, 53, 58-59 in that he does not teach the following: activating a signal at the premises for notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring, security gateway provides an audiovisual signal at the premises

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for notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring; transmitting access token from the security system server to the remote client, providing the security gateway with information about the user and the access token, access token is adapted to allow the remote client to access the security gateway based on a permission profile for the user, wherein permission profile for the user is created by a general administrator.

However, Katz teaches the following: activating a signal at the premises for notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring, security gateway provides an audiovisual signal at the premises for notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring (fig. 1, col. 10 lines 46-58); and Nadooshan teaches the following: transmitting access token from the security system server (reads on 300, fig. 1) to the remote client (400, fig. 1), providing the security gateway (for example 145, fig. 1) with information about the user and the access token, access token is adapted to allow the remote client to access the security gateway based on a permission profile for the user, wherein permission profile for the user is created by a general administrator (general administrator is implied in as much as each computer system has an administrator to create user access profiles etc, figs. 1-2, col. 3, line 66 – col. 5, line 30).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Nabavi's system to provide for the following: activating a signal at the premises for notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring, security gateway provides an audiovisual signal at the premises for

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notifying an occupant at the premises that remote monitoring is occurring as this arrangement would facilitate to notify the affected users that monitoring is taking place as taught by Katz, thus avoiding clandestine activity that might affect the customers privacy rights; transmitting access token from the security system server to the remote client, providing the security gateway with information about the user and the access token, access token is adapted to allow the remote client to access the security gateway based on a permission profile for the user, wherein permission profile for the user is created by a general administrator as this arrangement would provide, one of the methods, among many possible methods, of securing access to the valuable resources as taught by Nadooshan.

Nabavi differs from claims 29-31 in that he does not teach the following: access token allows to specific features of the security gateway according to permission profile for the user, token allows access to one or more designated cameras/auto stations located at the premises.

However, Nadooshan teaches the following: access token allows to specific features of the security gateway according to permission profile for the user, token allows access to one or more designated remote equipments located at the premises (col. 2 lines 30-48).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Nabavi's system to provide for the following: access token allows to specific features of the security gateway according to permission profile for the user, token allows access to one or more designated cameras/auto stations

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located at the premises as this arrangement would facilitate restricting access to the desired equipment features only to authorized users as taught by Nadooshan, thus protecting remote equipment from unauthorized users.

3. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nabavi in view of Nadooshan and Katz as applied to claim 23 above, and further in view of Reginer et al. (US PAT: 5,689,708, hereinafter Reginer).

Regarding claim 24, the combination does not explicitly teach the following: general administrator of security system is capable of modifying permission profile for the user.

However, Reginer discloses client server computer system which teaches the following: system administrator modifying user profile to provide different application contexts (col. 10 lines 26-40)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify the combination to provide for the following: general administrator of security system is capable of modifying permission profile for the user as this arrangement would facilitate user needs to use the system as taught by Reginer

4. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nabavi in view of Nadooshan and Katz as applied to claim 23 above, and further in view of Gullaman et al. (US PAT: 5,280,527, hereinafter Gullaman).

Regarding claim 25, the combination does not teach the following: verifying the identification of the user comprises authenticating biometric data.

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However, Gullaman teaches the following: verifying the identification of the user comprises authenticating biometric data (col. 2 lines 28-39).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify the combination to provide for the following: verifying the identification of the user comprises authenticating biometric data as this arrangement would provide another well known means for authenticating the user as taught by Gullaman.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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